

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 24, 2003

SENATE BILL

No. 925

Introduced by Senator McPherson

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section ~~6950~~ 6954 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to invasive species.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 925, as amended, McPherson. Invasive species.

Existing law establishes the Interagency Aquatic Invasive Species Council. Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Game, in cooperation with the council, and using existing funds and current personnel of the Department of Fish and Game, to support and coordinate the development of a comprehensive plan for dealing with aquatic invasive species in California. *Existing law requires the council to submit its first working version of the plan to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2004.* ~~Existing law defines an invasive species as a species, including its seeds, eggs, spores, or other biological materials capable of propagating that species, that is not native to the ecosystem, and whose introduction causes, or is likely to cause, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.~~

This bill would ~~make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that definition~~ *extend the submission deadline for that version of the plan to March 1, 2004.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section ~~6950~~ 6954 of the Fish and Game Code is amended to read:

~~6950. “Invasive species” for the purposes of this chapter,~~

6954. The department, in cooperation with the council, and using existing funds and current personnel of the department, shall support and coordinate the development of a comprehensive plan for dealing with aquatic invasive species in California. The plan shall address the following aspects of prevention and containment of aquatic invasive species:

(1) Prevention, including education of, and outreach to, the general public and policymakers.

(2) Monitoring and detection.

(3) Control and eradication.

(4) Inspection.

(5) Enforcement.

(b) The plan prepared pursuant to subdivision (a) shall follow, to the extent possible, the guidelines of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force set forth in Section 4722 of Title 16 of the United States Code.

(c) The council shall submit its first working version of the plan to the Legislature on or before ~~January~~ March 1, 2004.

~~means a species, including, but not limited to, its seeds, eggs, spores, or other biological materials capable of propagating that species, that is not native to the ecosystem, and whose introduction causes, or is likely to cause, economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. Nothing in this definition may be construed to include those agricultural crops generally recognized by the Department of Agriculture or the United States Department of Agriculture as suitable to be grown in the state.~~